

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, March 14, 1900, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Newhaven, Connecticut.

March 14th, 1900. My darling Mabel:

Just passed Newhaven and will mail this at Springfield. Won't you and Daisy see what you can do to help Mary and Louisa Symonds get a boarding place.

I wish you could see the cook at Georgetown and the other girl who is sick and do something for them. Also it would gratify me very much if you could manage to take Mary Horne into our house for the present. The responsibility of looking after her devolves upon me — and quite apart from the general upset at my father's house — there is no reason why her care should devolve upon Mrs. Bell. As so many are sick in the house Miss Mace will find her hands full.

Please send me a telegram at once, care of Miss Yale, telling me how all are. I am anxious about my father — and want to know whether the knowledge that Mary and Louisa are going away — is benefitting him — or exciting him.

I sent Mary a cheque for one hundred dollars so that there should be no necessity to ask my father for money. I don't want him to think about the matter — or do anything but get well. Telegraph me. I will ask Elsie to write on other side of sheet.

My darling little wife I love you. Alec.